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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9267
AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
AMEMBASSY ACCRA
AMCONSUL DOUALA
AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
AMEMBASSY LOME IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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SUBJECT: WELFARE AMCITS AND OTHER NATIONALS IN BENIN

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1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AS OF NOON LOCAL IS
THAT ONLY ONE CANADIAN WOUNDED. EMBASSY LOME BY SSB REQUESTED
ADVICE RE MEDEVAC AND WE REPLIED THAT MEDEVAC SEEMS FEASIBLE
AS AIRPORT REPORTED TO BE OPEN WEDNESDAY. VICE CONSUL HAS
SEEN THREE CANADIAN PASSPORTS AT SURETE AND IS ATTEMPTING TO
GET INFORMATION ON NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS OF HOLDERS OF THOSE
PASSPORTS.

2. EMBASSY TAKING ROLL-CALL OF OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL
AMCITS IN COTONOU FOR UPDATE ON THEIR WELFARE AS OF NOON WEDNESDAY.
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ALSO CHECKING ON WHETHER OR NOT THEY NEED SUPPLIES AND WILL TRY
TO HANDLE ANY SUCH REQUESTS DURING COURSE OF DAY. PER REF B,
STEVE GILES AND STEVE JOYCE LEFT COTONOU FOR NIAMEY AT LEAST
ONE WEEK AGO. ALI KAHN, RESIDENT IN COTONOU, HAS NOT BEEN
SEEN TODAY. AMEMBASSY CHECKING ON HER WELFARE.
BILHEIMER INFORMATION ON LOCATIONS OF PCV'S SHOULD BE ACCURATE,
ALTHOUGH SOME VOLUNTEERS ARE ON LEAVE. PCD HAS CONTACTED

ALL PCV'S KNOWN TO BE IN COTONOU AS OF TUESDAY AND ALL SAFE
(REF C).

3. ALAN GILLAM, BRITISH NATIONAL, TELLS US HE HAS CONTACTED
ALL BRITISH NATIONALS IN BENIN EXCEPT JEFF SAYERS
IN NATITANGOU AND LLOYD DAVIS IN PORTO NOVO. AS OF WEDNES-
DAY MORNING ALL BRITISH NATIONALS SAFE. BRUCE CHATWIN
(PARA 3, REF D) NOW IN HOTEL DE LA PLAGE ALONG WITH
ST. JOHN FINN (FINN, NOT SINN AS REPORTED REF D).

GILLAM THANKS JOHN WILLIAMS, LAGOS, FOR HIS CONCERN.

4. MORRISON-KNUDSEN TELLS US THEY EXPECTED ANTHONY WILKINSON
ON PAN AM 186 YESTERDAY. WOULD ABIDJAN, DOUALA AND LIBRE-
VILLE CHECK HOTELS TO SEE IF HE REGISTERED IN ONE OF LOCAL
HOTELS.
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